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1. ANDERSON'S TALMUD AND BOOK HANDED OVER TO SVANTE AND FRED
2. LEVANGER, NARYM, IVANOV, ANDERSON (1942)

From: MOSCOW

To: STOCKHOLM

No.: 333 ✓

8th May 1942

To AKASTO[i]

In reply to your No. 151[a].

1. What was the reason for handing over the TALMUD[ii] and the book destined for ANDERSON[iii] to SVANTE[iv] and FRED[v]? [7 groups unrecovered] gave ANDERSON instead of those allotted to him. The first[b]

[11 groups unrecovered]

with LEVANGER[vi]

[11 groups unrecovered]

for NARYM[vii] [B% we work] every day but have not heard him. Make contact with us.

3. Send IVANOV[viii] [6 groups unrecovered].

No. [B% 4632]

NORTHERN[ix]

To AKASTO

[11 groups unrecovered]

ANDERSON.

[11 groups unrecovered]
[16 groups unrecoverable]

No. 4648 ✓

IVANOV[x]

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Notes: [a] ^{External} STOCKHOLM's No. 436 of 2nd May 1942 (3/MAY/1942 unpublished).

(b) or "the former".

Comments: [i] AKASTO: / C-2. M.I. NIKIFOROV, Soviet Military
Attache in STOCKHOLM.

[ii] TALNUD: ✓ Coverword for cipher or cipher system.

[iii] ANDERSON: X Norwegian
RIS courier between SWEDEN and NORWAY.
He arrived in the U.K. on 26th October 1942.
[iv] SVANTE: X
RIS agent

[v] FRED: X

[vi]✓LEVANGER: X Unidentified. This could be a Norwegian surname or covername. Also occurs in STOCKHOLM's No. 6 of 7th January 1942 (3/NBF/T1890), No. 1534 of 21st July 1942 (3/NBF/T1675) and No. 3135 of 25th November 1943 (3/NBF/T1579).

[vii] NARYM: Unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW's No. 118 of 18th February 1942 (3/NBF/T1741) and No. 209 of 19th March 1942 (3/NBF/T1717). NARYM is a place name. These are often used as covernames in this traffic.

[viii] IV/NOV: ✓ Unidentified. First occurrence.

[ix] NORTHERN: MOSCO: addressee and signatory. Probably Northern Department.

[x] LANOV: ✓ Col. BALTENKO, cipher officer in MOSCO..